

## Diocese agrees on reporting misconduct

SPRINGFIELD - The Roman Catholic Diocese of Springfield has entered into a "Memorandum of Understanding" (MOU) with the district attorneys' offices of the and Northwestern Berkshire, Hampden districts, setting out a standard procedure for the reporting of all sexual misconduct allegations known to the diocese.

This agreement is the result of extensive discussions over the last year with the three district attorneys' offices, addressing concerns over inconsistencies in how past abuse allegations were reported by the diocese.

The MOU outlines pol-

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## Applications accepted for business aid

Applications are still being accepted for the Covid-19 Holyoke Business Emergency Operations Grant Program, administered by the city of Holyoke and Greater Holyoke Chamber of Commerce, using Community Development Block Grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Funds should be used by businesses to help them remain open, retain employees, or adapt business operations remotely or online during the public health emergency. Grant funds

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## HPS establishes 're-opening' team

HOLYOKE - On Thursday, May 14, HPS established the HPS Reopening Leadership team. This team is charged with developing and coordinating the plan to reopen school for Fall 2020 and communicating with all stakeholders. It is critical to note that the current climate due to COVID-19 continues to change rapidly and we are still awaiting official guidance from the Governor's office and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). We are planning for multiple scenarios and contingencies.

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## Memorial Day ceremony to be held online

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HOLYOKE - Although the recent pandemic has caused many cancellations, though the celebration of Memorial Day will be in full swing and hosted by the United Veterans of Holyoke.

The United Veterans of Holyoke, the Veteran's Services, and the Holyoke Media are working together to stream a Memorial Day Tribute on Monday, May 25 at 11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. There will be special highlights including a montage of departed residents from the Holyoke Soldiers Home, some remarks from Mayor Alex Morse, the Holyoke City Council President Todd McGee, State Representative Aaron Vega, and a keynote speaker SFC Luis "Louie" Delgado. The Master of Ceremonies for this event will be Chris Sims of the War Memorial Commission.

"We're trying to stick to our normal program with-in these restrictions of Social Distancing," Sims said. "However, performance measures such as procession of

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## Storms rips off two apartment building roofs



In addition to the roof, some brick siding ripped off this building. Bricks ripped off one of the roofs and laid in a pile on the sidewalk following the storm.

Photo by Gregory A. Scibelli

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HOLYOKE - A severe thunderstorm that brought heavy winds tore the roofs off two apartment buildings in the city late last Friday night. The damages left 141 people homeless.

The two buildings, located at the intersections



of East Dwight and West streets, caused extensive damage to the buildings, and the ground below.

In one case, bricks that tore off the building fell onto a nearby car, shatter-

ing its windows and windshields. The debris damaged several other cars in the area.

It was believe a micro-

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## CANAL WORK CONTINUES



An area of bridge near the canal is worked on as construction has resumed in the city.

Photo by Gregory A. Scibelli

## Velis wins senate seat

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WESTFIELD - Following in the footsteps of his predecessor, John Velis has won a special election to become the new state senator for the Second Hampden and Hampshire District. A special election postponed from March 31 took place on Tuesday with all the bells and whistles, or more like masks, social distancing, and a lot of hand sanitizer at polling locations.

In Agawam, Velis was not victorious as his challenger, political newcomer and Southwick businessman John Cain, carried the town by just 39 votes.

Agawam Town Clerk Vincent Gioscia released preliminary results late Tuesday, showing Cain received 1,347 votes to Velis' 1,308. But Velis carried the most popu-

lous cities in the district, taking Westfield, his hometown, by more than 2,200 votes, and winning in Democratic-leaning Holyoke and Easthampton. He also won a small section of Chicopee and Southampton.



John Velis

Cain carried the votes in Republican-heavy Southwick, as well as the small towns of Granville, Tolland, Russell, and Montgomery to go with his victory in Agawam.

But despite the splits in the overall communities, Velis won by a consid-

erable margin, carrying 64.2 percent of the vote. He garnered 10,083 votes to Cain's 5,619.

Velis succeeds Donald Humason. Humason took the seat six years ago when it was occupied by Mike Knapik. Humason was the state representative for Westfield at the

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# Community Foundation re-opens online Giving Portal

SPRINGFIELD – The Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts (CFWM) has re-launched the successful Valley Gives website, Valley-Gives.org. The “one-stop-giving” online platform aims to connect donors with local nonprofits struggling to provide vital community programs and services—particularly during the COVID-19 crisis. The Community Foundation will promote the Valley Gives website widely to introduce donors to nonprofits in need.

Formerly a single giving day event, Valley Gives will remain “open” for months to come and will give nonprofits a needed fundraising boost. From cultural organizations to environmental programs and educational services, local nonprofits are facing many financial challenges triggered by the pandemic.

Visitors to Valley-Gives.org can find a menu of more than 135 nonprof-

its serving residents across Hampden, Hampshire, and Franklin counties. People can learn about community challenges and can donate to one or many causes—all with a few clicks on the central, online platform.

The website also is a means for individuals to create a “peer-to-peer” fundraising page for a local nonprofit, set a goal, and reach out to their networks of friends and family to raise dollars for the organization.

According to Katie Allan Zobel, President and CEO of the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts, “Many nonprofits in the Pioneer Valley region have had to reduce programs and cancel fundraising events due to the COVID crisis. Others have been challenged to meet increased needs for services and essentials. Many donors are eager to help. We decided to re-open

Valley Gives to facilitate community generosity and to give donors an easy way to learn about and donate to many nonprofits. Most importantly, Valley Gives is one more way to help reduce the devastating human cost of COVID-19.”

Donors can contribute on the Valley Gives website using a credit card, mobile payment apps, or Automatic Clearing House (ACH) payment.

GiveGab donated the cost of the Valley Gives platform. According to Zobel, “GiveGab’s tremendous generosity in providing the platform pro bono and their willingness to expedite the start-up made this possible.”

The Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts launched Valley Gives, a 24-hour marathon day of giving, in 2012. The event was created to raise critical dollars for the Pioneer Valley nonprofit community, whose programs

and services improve the quality of life for countless local residents from all walks of life.

In its six years of one-day online giving combined, Valley Gives Day raised more than \$10 million for nonprofits in the region. In 2018, its final year, more than 400 nonprofit organizations participated in the event.

In addition to Valley Gives, which directly connects individual donors with nonprofits, the Community Foundation established the COVID-19 Response Fund for the Pioneer Valley. Grants awarded through the fund provide emergency support to nonprofit organizations in Western Massachusetts serving the needs of the most vulnerable populations affected by the pandemic. To date, the Fund has raised \$4.3 million from 500 donors and has already awarded grants totaling nearly \$2 million.

## Western New England announces plan to re-open campus

SPRINGFIELD – Western New England University has announced its intention to resume on campus classes for the fall semester, after being forced to move exclusively to online instruction for the spring and summer due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Western New England University President Anthony S. Caprio announced the plans in a letter to the campus community, calling the current situation one of the most unique chapters in the University’s century-plus history.

“We are a proud University built on the idea that the best education takes place through the rich interactions that students have with caring and dedicated faculty, staff, and classmates” wrote Caprio. “Within the bounds of health considerations, we are committed to doing all that we can to maximize on-campus classes and life, given their centrality to a Western New England education as it has always been envisioned.”

Caprio noted that while the University fully intends to resume on-campus classes, the health and safety of students and the broader campus community remains a top priority. Any opening will be accompanied by

testing, tracing, and isolation protocols along with social distancing and cleaning standards, along with following the guidance of local, state, and federal agencies. The University has multiple work groups evaluating all aspects of University operations, including health and safety standards, the curriculum, and the residential community.

“We will come together as a community, as we have always done, to make sure that no matter what the fall scenario, we will be together in a way that always has been and always will be a unique part of the Western New England University culture,” said Caprio.

Having just celebrated its Centennial, Western New England University is a private, independent, coeducational institution. Located on an attractive 215-acre suburban campus in Springfield, Massachusetts, Western New England serves 3,825 students, including 2,580 full-time undergraduate students. Undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs are offered through Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business, Engineering, Pharmacy and Health Sciences, and the School of Law.

## Public officials provide update on Community Tracing Collaborative

BOSTON – On May 7, the Baker-Polito Administration joined Partners in Health and local public health officials to provide an update on contract tracing efforts through the COVID-19 Community Tracing Collaborative (CTC) launched last month. The initiative focuses on tracing the contacts of confirmed positive COVID-19 patients, and supporting individuals in quarantine, building on COVID-19 Response Command Center efforts to leverage public health college students to augment the contact tracing being done by local boards of health.

If an individual tests positive for COVID-19, the MA COVID Team will reach out by phone to connect the confirmed case with support and resources necessary for quarantine, and to identify any close contacts that may have been exposed. As the CTC continues its contact tracing work to mitigate the

spread of COVID-19, it is critical that Massachusetts residents answer the phone when a contact tracer calls or texts. Contact tracers will only reach out from phone numbers with 833 or 857 area codes, and the phone’s caller ID will say MA COVID Team.

Since calls began on April 12, tens of thousands of Massachusetts residents have participated in contact tracing. Staffed with more than 1,600 tracers, the Tracing Collaborative has reached nearly 14,000 confirmed cases and established more than 7,500 of their contacts since calls began on April 12. In part due to effective social distancing measures, the median number of contacts reported by each confirmed case remains approximately two.

To learn more about the MA COVID Team and the Community Tracing Collaborative, visit [www.mass.gov/MATracingTeam](http://www.mass.gov/MATracingTeam).

## Eversource reminds customers to remain vigilant against scams

REGION – As part of Eversource’s efforts to support its customers and communities during the pandemic, the energy company is reminding people to remain vigilant and protect themselves against scams. The COVID-19 outbreak has led to an increase in scam activity, with sophisticated scammers finding unique and intimidating ways to exploit people and steal their money during these uncertain times.

“We’re always working to help our customers protect themselves against scams, which is especially important today as sophisticated scammers are trying to take advantage of the uncertainty and nervousness caused by the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Eversource Senior Vice President and Chief Customer Officer Penni Conner. “Eversource will never demand instant payment over the phone nor ask for personal information in an unsolicited call, text or email. We urge customers to remain vigilant and always remember, don’t panic and don’t pay. If you suspect that you’ve been targeted by a scam, please call us immediately at 800-592-2000.”

With the wave of scams related to the COVID-19 pandemic, Eversource is reminding customers about common signs to recognize a scam and specific pandemic-related scams to look out for, including:

- Threats of immediate power disconnection or demands for payment: Eversource representatives never ask for instant payment, and the energy company is not disconnecting any customers for non-payment during this emergency period.

- Callers asking for personal or account information or insisting on specific, unusual payment methods: Eversource will never ask for personal information over the phone in this manner and does not accept payments via gift cards, pre-paid debit cards or other common tools used by scammers.

- Requests for a deposit to exchange a utility meter: Eversource has suspended all non-essential work, including routine meter changes, during the pandemic. Meters also do not suddenly expire, so be wary of calls claiming payment is necessary for a new meter to be installed because the current meter is about to expire.

- Calls, emails or texts about government stimulus checks: The IRS won’t contact people with information about stimulus payments, or to ask for personal information like a Social Security number or bank account number.

Online offers for vaccinations and test kits: There are no products proven to treat or prevent COVID-19 at this time and the only FDA-approved home test kit requires a doctor’s order.

Eversource urges anyone who believes they are a target of improper solicitation to please alert local law enforcement and contact the company directly at 800-592-2000.

For more information on how the energy company is helping customers protect against scams during the COVID-19 pandemic, please visit <https://www.eversource.com/content/ema-c/residential/safety/protect-yourself/avoid-scams>.

## Share your stories of staying at home

The Holyoke Sun wants to know how you’re coping with the coronavirus closures and how they’ve changed all of our lives — no school, no work, social distancing and staying at home.

We can’t meet our neighbors in the schoolyards, playing fields or workplaces of Holyoke, but we can all share a few snapshots of what life’s like with the kids in the house and the home office working overtime. Take a minute to send in an update on how you’re doing, what fun enrichment activities the kids have been up to, or anything else that’s made the past two weeks a special time in your home. Include full names of the writer or photographer, and anyone visible in

each photo. We’ll print the best entries in next week’s newspaper, and in subsequent weeks as the state of emergency continues. The best way to contact us is at [thesun@turley.com](mailto:thesun@turley.com).

We would also be glad to publish Holyoke children’s artwork, essays or photos created during the school closure. Include the creator’s full name, age, and school attended.

For all submissions, also include a telephone number and email address. We won’t publish this information, but may use it to verify identities or ask follow-up questions.

Stay safe out there — and let us know how you’re doing!



# Despite uncertainty, Big E announces concert schedule

WEST SPRINGFIELD – The Big E announces five additional concerts to take place on the Court of Honor Stage, sponsored by Mattress Firm, at the 2020 Fair, Sept. 18-Oct. 4. All shows are free with Big E admission and seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. The stage is located in front of the iconic Coliseum. Concerts include:

**Jesse McCartney, Sept. 18, 8 p.m.**  
American singer, songwriter and actor, Jesse McCartney, of “Beautiful Soul” fame, quickly made his way from boy band Pop star to serious working artist when he co-wrote the Grammy Award-winning single “Bleeding Love” with Ryan Tedder, performed by Leona Lewis. The international mega-hit was Grammy-nominated for Record of the Year, reached No. 1 in 35 countries, and became the best-selling single of 2008 worldwide. After two singles released in 2018-2019, Jesse released his single and music video “Yours” this spring to give fans their first look at his upcoming album.

**Rainere Martin in The Donna Summer Experience, Sept. 21-22, 3pm**  
With an early focus on R&B ballads, an appreciation for the art and craft of performers of all eras, and a desire to find her right niche, Rainere Martin’s early explorations had her performing in the-

ater, music videos, motion pictures and television. However, it was the musical pulse of the 70’s and the era’s great headliner Donna Summer that stuck in her memory. She explains, “It was a realization that I just didn’t sing Donna’s songs, I felt them. Her performances to date have been electrifying audiences with her uncanny resemblance to Donna’s style, grace, energy, and of course, voice. She has become a sought after entertainer for a variety of social and corporate events, and her appearance on the nationwide TV show, “Showtime At The Apollo,” earned her a standing ovation.

**The Yardbirds, Sept. 21-22, 8 p.m.**  
The Yardbirds are more than a Rock band; they are an institution, which, in the brief period from 1963 to 1968, made an indelible mark on the “Shapes of Things” to come. To the casual music fan, The Yardbirds are best known as the band that honed the skills of future “guitar gods” Eric Clapton, Jeff Beck and Jimmy Page; and for their slew of chart hits, including “For Your Love,” “Heart Full of Soul” and “I’m A Man.” Led by core members and songwriters Jim J McCarty (drums), Chris Dreja (rhythm guitar/bass) and the late Keith Relf (vocals/harmonica), the band’s experimental explorations also provided the crucial link between British R&B, Psychedelic Rock and Heavy

Metal, while pioneering the use of innovations like fuzz tone, feedback and distortion. Even their 1968 break-up set the stage for Rock ‘n Roll’s future, leading Jimmy Page to form the New Yardbirds, later re-christened Led Zeppelin. Reuniting decades later, McCarty and Dreja brought The Yardbirds boldly in to the 21st Century with the release of the acclaimed CD, Birdland, which featured guest appearances from the likes of Brian May, Joe Satriani, Slash and Steve Vai. Additionally, the band commemorated their 50th Anniversary with the release of their live DVD, Making Tracks, in 2013. Today’s touring lineup includes: singer/harpist/percussionist, Myke Scavone; guitarist/singer, John Idan; drummer, Jim McCarty; guitarist Godfrey Townsend; and bassist, Kenny Aaronson.

**Exile, Sept. 23-24, 3 p.m.**  
Exile, formed in 1963 looking to play small clubs in Richmond, Kentucky, managed to top both the Pop and Country charts during their more than 55-year career. Their most successful hit, “Kiss You All Over,” spent four weeks at the top of Billboard’s pop chart in 1978 and was used in the 1996 Adam Sandler movie “Happy Gilmore” and in the 2006 film “Employee of the Month.” They have toured with acts including Aerosmith, Fleetwood Mac and The Oak

Ridge Boys. During the group’s run on the Country charts, Exile has successfully had ten No. 1 singles including “I Don’t Want To Be A Memory” and “Give Me One More Chance.” The five original Exile members re-formed in 2008 and continue to tour today.

**Big Bad Voodoo Daddy, Sept. 23, 8 p.m.**  
Together for more than 26 years, Big Bad Voodoo Daddy has appeared in concert venues across the world, sold millions of records, and had their music appear in hundreds of movies and television shows. With sold out concerts from the Hollywood Bowl to Lincoln Center, appearances with many of the nation’s finest symphony orchestras, and television appearances ranging from Dancing with the Stars to Superbowl XXXIII, Big Bad Voodoo Daddy continues its decades-long mission to celebrate and revitalize Jazz and Swing music, America’s original art form, and bring joy to audiences around the world.

Look for more concert announcements soon at TheBigE.com. The 2020 Big E takes place Sept. 18-Oct. 4 in West Springfield, Mass. Stay up to date with all Fair happenings by finding us on Facebook, following us on Twitter and Instagram or joining our mailing list at TheBigE.com.

## STCC names Darcey Kemp as vice president of Student Affairs

SPRINGFIELD – Springfield Technical Community College has named a higher education administrator from New York as vice president of Student Affairs.

Darcey Kemp of Ghent, N.Y., began her new post on April 27. She had served as the assistant vice president for Student Development, Leadership, and Completion Initiatives at The College of Saint Rose in Albany, N.Y. since 2015.

In her leadership role, Kemp will oversee the division at STCC charged with providing support that extends the classroom experience, including student governance and clubs, athletics, tutoring, advising and student health and wellness.

From admissions to graduation, Students Affairs enhances opportunities for student development, involvement and transformation at a unique institution known for degrees in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), signature health programs and a highly diverse student body.

President John B. Cook called Kemp an outstanding leader who made an impres-



Darcey Kemp

sion on the search committee. “Throughout the search process, Ms. Kemp demonstrated she has the qualities we were looking for in a vice president of Student Affairs,” Cook said. “I look forward to her serving as part of our team at STCC.” Kemp said she was honored to accept the new role at STCC.

“I am committed to fostering an inclusive and engaged community that puts students first,” Kemp said. “I look forward to getting to know the faculty and staff and building strong relationships with students to help them achieve success.”

Prior to serving at The College of Saint Rose, Kemp spent nearly a decade at Mercyhurst University in Pennsylvania. She served, respectively, as dean of students for the North East Campus, and as director of the Center for Student Engagement & Leadership Development at the Erie Campus.

Kemp holds a Bachelor of Science, as well as a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from Canisius College in Buffalo, N.Y.

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can be used for equipment and technology, consultant fees, payroll, inventory, and rent and utilities, if attempts to have these costs modified or deferred have been unsuccessful. The funds cannot be used for the business owner’s own salary or pay, personal purchases, paying off debts, or any items purchased before the grant is approved.

Businesses must meet one of the following HUD eligibility requirements:

- Owned by a low- or moderate-income household
- Employ full-time at least one full-time equivalent low- or moderate-income person
- Provide a service (like a restaurant or grocery store) in a primarily residential neighborhood where at least 51 percent of the residents are low- or moderate-income.

All applicants must be for-profit businesses located in Holyoke that were in operation as of Jan. 20, 2020.

Applications are available now, and will be reviewed weekly until all funds are committed. The review committee consists of representatives from the Greater Holyoke Chamber of Commerce, the city of Holyoke, and EforAll Holyoke.

A total of \$90,000 is available for business grants. While there is no specific maximum request amount, resources are extremely limited and the city will seek to maximize the community impact of this fund. More program details and an electronic application that can be completed online are available at covid19ghcc.wixsite.com/businessresources/funding.

For more information, contact Chamber Executive Director Andrea Marion at andrea@holyokeychamber.com, or Alicia Zoeller at the Holyoke Office of Community Development, zoellera@holyokey.org.

The Chamber of Commerce has also compiled a list of other resources for businesses during the coronavirus state of emergency, at covid19ghcc.wixsite.com/businessresources.

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icies by which the diocese will report any allegations it becomes aware of involving sexual misconduct by diocesan representatives of children or vulnerable adults, regardless of when the abuse is reported to have taken place.

The agreement also establishes policies for documenting the receipt of any allegations forwarded to a jurisdiction and follow-up communications between the respective district attorney’s office and the diocese.

In addition, all parties agreed that the diocese will not begin its review/investigation process of allegations for 90 days or until the respective district attorney’s office informs the diocese it can proceed to avoid any unintentional interference when a criminal investigation is opened.

The MOU was signed by Northwestern District Attorney David E. Sullivan, Hampden County District Attorney Anthony Gulluni and Berkshire County District Attorney Andrea Harrington, along with the legal counsel for the diocese, Attorney John Egan and Springfield Bishop Mitchell Rozanski.

“I am most grateful to all who worked so diligently in preparing this agreement, one which demonstrates our commitment to work with law enforcement in identifying all allegations of sexual misconduct that come to our attention,” commented Bishop Rozanski.

Jeffrey Trant, director of the diocesan Office of Safe Environment and Victim Assistance, worked with the Hampden County District Attorney’s Office, which represented all three western Massachusetts district attorneys’ offices in the preparation of the MOU. Trant, who will be the point person for the diocese, believes this is a significant step forward.

“Sexual abuse of a child or a vulnerable adult is a crime, period! It is the diocese’s responsibility to report these allegations to criminal and civil authorities,” said Trant. “The MOU establishes a standardized process for reporting to law enforcement officials, in addition to our responsibilities as mandated reporters, so these allegations can first be investigated and assessed in accordance with law.”

The MOU goes into effect immediately and can be read at <http://diospringfield.org/Ministries/publicaffairs/>.

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Guest Column

# A classic home improvement

By Joan E. B. Coombs



Home improvements appear to be at an all-time high during this COVID-19 isolation and incubation time. Recent stormy weather with tornado warnings and wild winds reaped havoc. Essential stores have remained opened supplying needed items for home repairs and improvements. Sanitized shopping carts and one-way aisle arrows tell customers how and where to go.

Creative solutions revitalize the mind. Alongside repairs, weeks of home confinement are having some surprising restorative enterprises. By all appearances families and friends are tearing off original wallpaper that's "been on the walls since the house was built!" Discoveries are being made. Holes in walls hidden behind mirrors are being found and getting plastered. All ages, even the young, with magic markers in hand, are decorating rooms with new drawings and themes.

Lately, while noticing all the home improvements that are making a definite impact on each household, it reminded me of a time when a refurbishing project definitely had a downward spiral.

Enter the Hub who performed an absolutely, unmistakable spring fling.

It happened, when once upon a spring-time, a toddler outgrew his crib and it was time to celebrate his growth and graduation to a "big boy's bed." A second-hand youth bed and triple dresser set was bought, and the family of four voted to paint it. They also decided to wallpaper his room's plain walls with a barn-board design and to decorate it with a new western theme.

Wallpapering done. Western décor was a work in progress.

Next, prep to paint the youth bedroom set a "Royal Colonial Blue" in the basement. Drop cloths. Gloves. Paint brushes. Paint thinner. Oil-based paint.

Being shorter than Mr. Hub's well-over-six-foot frame, The Mom swabbed the lowest spots. Soon only the side panels and the dresser top were left. Then painting the top was last.

Meanwhile the "Royal Colonial Blue" paint held its noble status while overseeing us. "OPPS!" he gasped.

"THIS ISN'T REAL."

"STAY THERE!"... "I'll grab a cloth."

Within blinks, The Mom's shoulder length hair was officially dubbed a streaming royal blue.

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Letters to the Editor

## Please pass 'death with dignity' legislation

Dear Editor,

I worked for 25 years as a full-time emergency room physician at Holyoke Medical Center. It was a privilege to share in many patients' last moments as they passed on. Some deaths were serene but others were an involuntary, painful struggle.

I'd like our Legislature to provide an option for relief from such suffering, by passing The End of Life Options Act (H.1926). It would give people-- who are terminally ill, mentally capable, and facing intolerable pain unrelieved by even the best hospice and palliative care-- the choice of taking medication prescribed by their doctor and dying peacefully and painlessly in their sleep.

None of us can predict the circumstances of our death. Don't each of us want the choice of a peaceful and dignified death for our loved ones and ourselves?

If you agree, please contact your legislators and urge them to call on the Joint Committee on Public Health to pass H.1926 before the May 30 deadline, so that the full Legislature might then pass it into law later this year. Also consider contacting family and friends elsewhere around the state. Encourage them to contact their legislators, too.

David Nielsen

Poetry Corner

## My Friend

*What would I do without you?  
He said: You make me so happy!  
It's so hard to find  
a joy-filled person today.  
As all one can do is love and pray.*

*I need him who always has a smile,  
Makes me happy for more than awhile.  
He's so honest, loving everyone and free.  
Oh how I wish I could be... be He –  
So giving unselfish first.*

*But He never gets angry with me ,  
And I can't make him get angry.  
He is my friend and I need him so.  
Please God... Never let him go*

*Peace, Love and Joy – Never long ago.  
I said: He, honest genuine person I see,  
A man of deep spirituality.  
He deserves the best till Eternity.*

Thomas J. Kennedy  
Holyoke Poet International



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or things."

Albert Einstein

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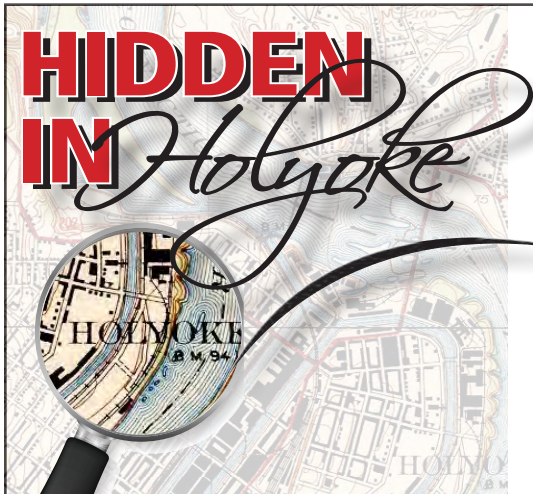
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Each week, The Holyoke Sun will feature a photo of a distinctive place, landmark, sculpture, sign or other recognizable object located somewhere in the city.

Think you know what or where it is? Readers are encouraged to submit their guesses to "Hidden in Holyoke" via email to TheSun@Turley.com. In order to qualify for the weekly contest, entries must be received by Wednesday at noon for inclusion into Friday's edition. Please include your full name with your guess in an email to TheSun@turley.com. If more than one correct answer is received, the names of all those who submitted guesses will be listed. For more information, contact The Holyoke Sun at 413-283-8398.



Last week's  
"Hidden in Holyoke"  
was the Holyoke Public Library  
at 250 Chestnut St.



Broccoli, anyone?

Lots of people shy away from growing broccoli in the garden, but it really is quite easy to produce stalks that rival those you'd buy at the grocery store. I got to the task of getting my transplants in the ground this weekend. Hopefully by early July I will be freezing lots of this yummy vegetable. Read on to learn the ropes of broccoli culture.

Planning for the broccoli harvest began back in the winter when I ordered my seeds. I prefer to grow three or more varieties, each with a different maturity date, that way I don't have a bumper crop all at once. With big heads staggered over the course of a few weeks, freezing won't become overwhelming. I also like to extend the harvest, so I am sure to include varieties that produce good side shoots.

I sowed my seeds off heat in early April, and transplanted the seedlings into recycled six-packs by month's end. Over the last three weeks I have nursed them along inside on sunny window sills and outdoors when weather permitted. They are at the four-inch leaf stage right now, the perfect size to transplant into the garden. If you are purchasing your plants from the garden center, try to select seed-



lings that size. Sometimes when they are bigger, and root bound, they become stunted and never develop decent heads. If you chose them from inside a greenhouse, spend a few days hardening them off prior to planting by gradually exposing them to outdoors. If possible, choose a cloudy, drizzly day for installing in the garden. Amend the soil with a shovel full of aged compost or manure for each plant along with a sprinkling of lime and granular organic fertilizer. I like planting broccoli a foot apart in staggered "wide rows;" it saves space in the garden because fewer foot paths are needed.

Since cutworms find broccoli seedlings especially appealing, circle the plant's stem at planting time with a barrier of thick paper or cardboard sunk into the soil an inch or two. The waxy containers that soy milk or orange juice come in work great, and are easily cut to the right size with a pair of scissors. Don't put this job off; sometimes cutworms can find transplants the very first night!

As the season progresses be on the lookout for the green cabbage worm; you will see the white moths first. A friend of mine had great luck capturing them with a butterfly net! I usually just remove the few worms I find and as long as I am diligent this pest doesn't pose a huge problem.

In what seems like no time at all, heads will start to form. When they are the size of a quarter scratch in some more granular fertilizer at the base of the plant. Make sure moisture is sufficient. Harvest when the main head is still tight-

ly packed but before it bursts into flower. Some heads may grow eight inches or more, but others don't have the same potential. Freeze in small portions after blanching with steam or boiling water for three minutes, chilling in an ice bath and air drying.

The cross-striped cabbageworm poses a worse problem in my garden than any other caterpillar, and usually appears mid-harvest. It is three-quarter of an inch in length and has black and yellow stripes that run along each side of its body. Foliage can be riddled with holes and buds can be eaten as well. When mature, the larvae drop from the plant to the soil and pupate in a tight cocoon enmeshed in sand. The adult moth is yellowish brown, with a wingspan of about an inch. Its forewings are marked with brown zigzags while its paler hind wings have five or six spots on them. Eggs are laid in masses on the foliage; when the weather is warm they hatch in less than a week. The cross-striped cabbageworm as well as other caterpillars that attack broccoli and its relatives can be effectively controlled using one of the *Bacillus thuringiensis* (B.t.) products. B.t. is a microbial insecticide that produces protein crystals toxic to some insects but is safe for all mammals, birds and fish. The directions on the package can help time your application for when it will be most effective. This year I planted all of my cruciferous vegetables under a floating row cover, light spun polyester draped over wire hoops. We'll see how it works. In years past I've used this fabric for pest control early on, but never tried it for the whole season.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts.

For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to [ekennedy@turley.com](mailto:ekennedy@turley.com) with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

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Consequently, The Hubs career as a laboratory paint chemist could have ended. But, being familiar with the redeemable qualities of solvents, he was sure of a solution. Or was he?

After removing as much of the sloshed paint as possible with a towel, other remedies, even the acclaimed "hair-spray" was tried. But, all efforts failed.

Apologetically he took The Mom's hand and gently guided her upstairs.

Towel turbaned, she called the neighborhood hairdresser.

"It's a very bad hair day. 'Got time for a haircut?'"

"Sure. What's up? Big date with The Hub?"

"No. But, you may find this hard to believe...(Giggles) Royal blue paint..." (Squeals.)

"Come right over!" (Chuckles)

Entering the salon, her hairdresser and several clients had heard about the new-blue hairdo. Everyone, including The Mom, burst into outrageous, side-holding laughter.

Although leaving the salon that afternoon with a much shorter hair style, The Mom still has fond memories, including chuckles, whenever she recalls a classic home improvement.



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burst, a small tornado-like storm, caused the roofs to come up. The microburst came with winds of up to 70 miles per hour.

The Holyoke Fire Department responded to the scene immediately, helping 47 families evacuate from the two buildings.

Kelly School was opened up and used as a temporary shelter for the families. Since the storm, the city and American Red Cross have been working with and helping the displaced residents find temporary places to stay.

According to the Holyoke Fire Department, two people suffered some

injuries during the event. They were treated and released from Holyoke Medical Center. No one was killed.

There were more than 50 Holyoke Public School students affected, and the school system, while not in session, has been working to collect donations for the displaced residents.

One additional collection is scheduled for Friday, May 15 at 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. A collection van will be set up at Holyoke High School at 500 Beech Street.

According to Jose Bou, director of Family and Community Engagement, the collections are for basic needs.

They are collecting toiletries, baby wipes, formula, face masks, soap and hand sanitizer, and feminine and hygiene products. The drive is not taking clothing or food donations.

Other donations of gift cards to local restaurants and stores can be sent to [rlamb@hps.holyoke.ma.us](mailto:rlamb@hps.holyoke.ma.us).



While people were able to move through the area, cars were not allowed in the area of East Dwight and West streets following the storm.

Photos by Gregory A. Scibelli



This car had its windows smashed in from the bricks that fell off the building.



A storm with massive winds ripped the roof off this apartment building.



Debris hangs off the roof of one of the buildings.



Some debris from one of the buildings remains on the sidewalk.



A part of the roof hangs off the side of the building.



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**CLUES ACROSS**

1. It's now called Experian

4. You can draw it

7. Very fast aircraft

10. Go quickly

11. Fifth note of a major scale

12. Biochemical abbreviation

13. Make somebody laugh

15. Returned material authorization (abbr.)

16. City in NE Morocco

19. Colorless gas

21. NE football player

23. A snake is one

24. Small spot

25. Inform

26. Republic of Ireland

27. Large statues

30. Documents about an individual

34. Helps little firms

35. Namibia's former name

36. Large insects

41. Thirsty

45. A well-defined track or path

46. One who utilizes

47. Plant-eating mammals

50. Not in tip-top shape

54. Alternate names

55. A part of a broadcast serial

56. City in central Italy

57. LOTR actor McKellen

59. Trees provide it

60. Men's fashion accessory

61. Type of screen

62. Snake-like fish

63. Possesses

64. When you aim to get there

65. Tooth caregiver

**CLUES DOWN**

1. Hit heavily

2. Italian rice dish

3. Some are cocktail

4. A citizen of Israel

5. Read-only memory

6. Passed by

7. Northern diving ducks

8. References

9. Iranian language

13. Swiss river

14. Woman (French)

17. Gov't department (abbr.)

18. Consumed

20. Ailments

22. Balkan Jewish appetizer

27. Reciprocal of a sine

28. Skywalker mentor —Wan

29. Resinous secretion of insects

31. Similar

32. Female sheep

33. Cool!

37. Borders the Adriatic Sea

38. Flowers

39. It's sometimes upped

40. Immobile

41. Female body parts

42. Common request

43. Made a second thrust

44. Fell into deep sleep

47. Subway resident

48. Brew

49. The event of being born

51. Aspirations

52. Doctor of Education

53. Punk musician — Dee Ramone

58. A subdivision of a play

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# SPORTS

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## Balance would have been key for Knights baseball

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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HOLYOKE – The Holyoke High School baseball team has had battles with inconsistency during the past few seasons, going in and out of the playoff hunt.

Coach Ryan Bowler said this season could have been a big one for the Knights with a level of consistency in all areas of the game.

“The coaching was looking forward to this season as we felt that we had a good balance of talented pitching, a solid line up, deep bench, as well as great leadership,” said Bowler.

Bowler was also going to have six seniors who were going to lead the team this season.

One of his starting pitchers will head to AIC next year. Isiah Colon was a lefty that Bowler counted on for a lot of innings last year.

“He is a crafty lefty that is looking forward to continuing his baseball career at AIC,” said Bowler. “Isiah is a great hitter with a smooth swing, solid first baseman and an excellent outfielder that can track anything. A hard-working and amazing teammate who excels on the field and in the classroom. I’ll miss his positive attitude that he brought to the team on a daily basis.”

Jordan Rodriguez led by example and was a great teammate, Bowler said.

“A quiet and focused com-



Isiah Colon takes a short throw from pitcher Adam Sypniak for an out during action last year.

File photos

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Nate Canata sends a long throw to first base.



Aiden Consedine slides into second base.



Jordan Rodriguez crosses first base just ahead of a throw.

## Guidelines updated for safe golfing

REGION – Golf is a healthy outdoor activity that is viable and relatively low risk. It is also an outlet for people to exercise and seek some physical and mental respite from the state’s stay-at-home advisory, all while supporting economic activity and employment in the local golf industry. With vast areas of open space with fresh-cut grass, trees, streams and ponds, a golf course provides the unique ability for social distancing in a stress-free environment.

That said, there are guidelines that will be in place to protect the safety of our golf community, including players, golf course staff, and club and course officials. These changes cover everything from booking a tee time to departing the golf course, and all things

between. The ultimate goal is to keep everyone safe while they’re playing and to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

As golf season resumes, it is the responsibility of members and employees at all Massachusetts golf courses and facilities to strictly adhere to these guidelines that the state’s Re-Opening Advisory Board has issued to ensure that golf remains an appropriate recreational activity. Additional measures may be put into place as we adapt to the “new normal” for the foreseeable future.

“We’re excited that this first step has been made to re-open golf,” said Jesse Menachem, Mass Golf’s Executive Director/CEO. “Our work isn’t done yet. We will continue to work with the

Governor’s Administration to further clarify the orders and keep our members informed as the situation continues to evolve. We will base our decisions surrounding Mass Golf events on the safety and well-being of all of us.”

As a reminder, we are in score posting season and the USGA has addressed questions regarding Rules and Handicapping during the COVID-19 era. Please click here for more information.

We understand that this year has been and will continue to be different than others. We’ll miss the celebratory high-fives and socializing in the clubhouse after your round concludes, but we will get back to that eventually. For

See **GOLFING** page 8

## Hall of Fame to present ‘Women’s Challenge’

UNCASVILLE, Conn. – The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame announced today the matchups for the Hall of Fame Women’s Challenge on Saturday, November 28th and Sunday, November 29th at Mohegan Sun Arena in Uncasville, Conn.

Local favorite and 11-time National Champions UConn (which joins the Big East Conference on July 1) will take on Quinnipiac (Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference) in the opening round, and Maine (America East Conference) will faceoff with Mississippi State (Southeastern Conference). The championship and consolation game will follow on Sunday.

“The Basketball Hall of Fame is proud to celebrate the women’s game with our Women’s Challenge at Mohegan Sun, a longtime partner of the Hall and a beautiful property for fans to enjoy,” said John L. Doleva, President and CEO of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

“UConn fans have created an outstanding environment for the many matchups played here over the years and we are excited to host our three additional participating schools in a first-class event.”

See **CHALLENGE**, page 8



# Submit senior athletes to be honored in The Holyoke Sun

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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The Turley Publications sports department is looking to honor the senior athletes who have had their spring seasons cancelled by the coronavirus pandemic.

The senior features have already started rolling out, but if you have not seen your senior featured, we encouraged you to send photos and info on your son or daughter, and encourage you to contact their coach to speak with us. We have reached out to spring coaches and athletic directors, but are

still trying to collect info on every team that would have been involved in this spring's season. We hope to also publish action photos of seniors from previous seasons, though parents and coaches are encouraged to send photos of seniors they would like to see published in the

upcoming editions of the paper. All submissions can be made to Sports Editor Gregory A. Scibelli at sports@turley.com. In the subject line, please identify the school and sport you are writing in about. Senior athletes are also encouraged to write in to talk about the season that wasn't.

## Sign-ups on hold for Quabbin League

REGION – The Quabbin Valley Over-30 Baseball League is seeking new players for 2020 season. The league has six teams, several with open roster spots. Last year, the league voted to allow players age 28 and 29 to be able to join the league, though players under 30 are not eligible to pitch. The cost of the league this season is \$192. For returning and new players, sign-ups have been placed on hold until a determination has been made on the season going forward. The league is

hopefully to begin play sometime in June or July. The season is 15 regular season games plus at least one playoff game. A modified schedule is being worked on by league officials. Games are nine innings and metal (BBCOR -3) or wood bats are allowed. Fields locations are throughout Western Mass. For more information on the league, or if you are interested in registering, go to <https://www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org/>. The league is also in Facebook.

## Valley Wheel looking for new players

REGION – The Valley Wheel Over-30 Baseball League is seeking new players for the upcoming 2020 season. The league is seeking players ages 28 and up. Players turning 28 this year are eligible. However, only players 30 and older can pitch. The league plays 15 regular season games with games being held mostly on Sundays with a couple of weekday games thrown in the mix as well as a special Mother's Day Saturday game in early May. However, due to the current circumstances, the league schedule has been pushed back. The league still

plans to play its season once bans on gatherings are lifted. The league is built on comradery, fair play, and having a good time with friends. If interested in trying out, go to [www.valleywheelbaseball.com](http://www.valleywheelbaseball.com). The rules of the league and new player forms can be found on the site. For further information, you can contact the league's commissioner, Jim Nason at [wheel12@comcast.net](mailto:wheel12@comcast.net) or call him at (413) 433-4308. Tryouts will be take place as soon as conditions are allowed, but new player applications are still being accepted.



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now, let's enjoy the game with honor and begin to show once again that Massachusetts has the most enthusiastic golf community in the country. In order to ensure that upon reopening that all courses will operate in a safe and effective manner, we have provided the following guidance: Updated guidelines for golf course: Security personnel can be delineated by each club (ex. A pro and the head starter) and will be present to enforce social distancing. There can be no other employees working at the recreational component of the golf operation. All staff must wear face coverings while on property. Course facilities including but not limited to the clubhouse, golf shop, restaurant, bag room and locker room must remain closed. No caddies allowed. No golf carts allowed, except as

outlined below: The use of a motorized cart may be permitted for any individual with a disability who is seeking a reasonable accommodation to ensure compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). A golfer who wants to use a cart should provide documentation or otherwise certify in writing to the golf course that he or she has a disability that requires the use of the cart. Any carts used must be cleaned and sanitized after each use. The course operator may not use non-essential employees to handle the renting and/or cleaning of the carts. Only security and groundskeeping personnel are permitted on the premises. Push carts may be used. Players must either carry their own bag or use a push cart. All golfers must maintain proper social distancing of at least 6 feet at all times. Groups of players are restricted to no more than 4 players at one time.

## BASEBALL, from page 7

petitor on the mound with great control," said Bowler. "A very hardworking student-athlete both on and off the field. I'll miss his calm and confident demeanor he brought to his starts on the mound." Bryan Gonzalez provided speed for the team, and was a player Bowler could look to in order to get a spark. "A high motor player who is willing to do whatever it takes to help the team," said Bowler. "Bryan is a great teammate who is also had much success during indoor track this past winter. I'll miss his positive attitude and his sense of humor that all his teammates loved." Aiden Consedine was a three-sport athlete. He was a great leader on the Knights. "An overall gifted three-sport athlete on the gridiron, the basketball court, and the baseball diamond," said Bowler. "Aiden is a teammate who is always willing to do what it took to help the team; a true team-first kind of person. Aiden is a natural leader who effortlessly makes everyone around him better. I'll miss his competitive drive and his

true leadership." Brandon McKenna was poised for a big season, Bowler said. He was a utility player. Brandon is a true utility player who was willing, and more importantly, able to play any position to help his team succeed," said Bowler. I'll miss the positive and hardworking and team-first attitude that he brought to the team as well as his coachability, something that speaks volumes about his character." Nate Canata played third base for Holyoke last season. "A hard-nosed and hardworking true competitor," said Bowler. "I'll miss Nate's competitive drive, his work ethic, and the way he willed himself to get the job done." Bowler said he was really looking forward to the season, and feels bad for the seniors. "My heart really goes out to the kids, especially the seniors," said Bowler. "It's a strange time for everyone, but having your high school career cut short is unthinkable." Bowler said he is staying in touch with his players through group chats in order to stay connected.

## CHALLENGE, from page 7

The Women's Challenge is one event in the Hall of Fame's series of collegiate events, which continues to grow in an effort to celebrate the game outside the museum walls. Tickets will be available for purchase via the Mohegan Sun box Office and Ticketmaster in September 2020. Specially discounted two-day tick-

et packages will start at \$25 and offer a savings of 30 percent or more (off the single day rates). Game times and television details will be released at a later date. As the health and safety of the athletes, fans and staff is of the utmost importance, the Basketball Hall of Fame will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation closely in the coming months and provide updates as needed.

## ► In The News

# Annual Press Club Roast postponed until fall 2020

SPRINGFIELD – The Valley Press Club's Board of Directors decided March 17 to postpone the May 8 Valley Press Club Roast to the fall due to the effects of the new coronavirus. The Roast, which features humorous sketches about public officials as a fundraiser for the club's scholarships to journalism students, is usually held in the

spring at the John Boyle O'Reilly Club in Springfield. Tony Cignoli, noted national political consultant, was to be the emcee. Numerous local politicians, including area mayors, city councilors and state legislators were expected to attend. The Roast is similar to the White House Correspondent's dinner in

Washington, D.C. that uses humor to bring both the media and newsmakers together. Peter Goonan, reporter of the Republican is the chairman of the event. The Valley Press Club, founded in 1960, consists of active and retired journalists and marketing/public relations professionals. For more information or to become a member, visit [valleypressclub.com](http://valleypressclub.com).





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The HPS Reopening Leadership team has committed to the following principles to guide our work:

Equity drives our decisions. Our most vulnerable students and staff are at the center of our plan.

Student and staff safety are paramount.

Student academic learning and social, emotional, behavioral, and mental health are critical.

We will be nimble, flexible and emotionally balanced in our approach.

The HPS Reopening Leadership team comprises school and district leaders across all departments and types of schools. We thank them for their leadership and commitment.

Dr. Stephen Zrike, Outgoing Receiver

Dr. Vázquez Matos, Incoming Receiver

Erin Linville, Chief of Strategy and Turnaround, Lead facilitator & Veritas Prep district liaison

Valerie Annear, Chief Instructional Officer

Cynthia Carbone, Director of Health, Wellness, and Nursing

Marianne Currier, Chief of Pupil Services

Dr. Tiffani Curtis, School Supervisor (Donahue, Peck, Sullivan, E.N. White)

Mario Florez, Chief of Social, Emotional and Behavioral Learning

Beth Gage, Chief of Talent

Jackie Glasheen, Principal of E.N. White, HPS parent

Nancy Lacey, McMahon teacher, representative of the District Crisis Team

Deb Lantaigne, DESE liaison to Holyoke

June Lavelle, HPA President, E.N. White paraprofessional, HPS parent

Alyson Lingsch, School Supervisor (Kelly, Lawrence, McMahon, Metcalf, Morgan, Holyoke STEM)

Dr. Stephen Mahoney, Executive Principal of Holyoke High School

Pete McAndrew, HTA President, Holyoke High School teacher

Anthony Soto, Chief of Finance and

Operations

The HPS Reopening Leadership team will meet weekly, with members also leading committees that include school and district representation, in the following areas:

Academics

District-based Operations: facilities, transportation, food service, technology, etc.

School-based Operations: hallways, arrival/dismissal, fire drills, athletics, etc.

Health and Wellness

Human Resources / Personnel  
Social and Emotional Learning, Behavioral Health and Family

Special Education

The Receiver will remain in close communication with the School Committee and City officials. We will also solicit input and feedback through existing leadership groups, such as the Principals Team, District Parent Advisory Group, Special Education Task Force, Student Advisory Group, and Teacher

Advisory Group. The Facebook Live sessions on Wednesdays (5 p.m. in English, 5:45 p.m. in Spanish) are also an ideal avenue for families, students, teachers and community leaders to ask questions and offer solutions.

We commit to providing regular updates on our progress through our existing communication channels, including Holyoke Update, social media, website, School Committee updates, staff emails, staff meetings, Facebook Live sessions and more. (The updates won't always be this long!) We know this is a trying time and people are very interested in what school will look like in the Fall. We urge everyone to focus on supporting our students in remote learning now.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership. We recently learned that Isaac Newton worked from home during the Bubonic plague and that he developed his theories of calculus, optics and gravity during this time. I trust that in times of crisis, our community will rise to the challenge and will come out stronger as a result.

CEREMONY, from page 1

Dignitaries, presenting the colors and other relevant content are just not feasible from the Virtual Platform being utilized for this event." Though these parts of the ceremony won't be conducted, the United Veteran's of Holyoke and the War Memorial Commission are working

hard to celebrate during this time.

The online celebration will be filmed and broadcasted to various Social Media accounts, in order for the general public to tune in conveniently. To join in people can visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/255307695453033/>, the celebration is being hosted by both the United Veterans of Holyoke and the War

Memorial Building's Facebook pages. In addition to honoring Veterans in this way, the typical way of honoring and mourning Military Personnel who died in service is the Cemetery Flag Laying. This task has already begun and will continue leading up to Memorial Day.

"As I have done for a number of years now, it's my privilege to serve as Master of Ceremonies for this year's

event." Sims said. "We run off a normal program that keeps the event comfortably under 45 minutes." All of the celebration will be broadcasted and the Holyoke Media is in charge of technical details, and has been instrumental in making this endeavor possible. For more information people can contact United Veterans of Holyoke at 413-322-5631.

Public Notices

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**Invitation to Bid 2020-012**  
**Carpet Installation Metcalf School**

The City of Holyoke is seeking sealed bids for the installation of carpet at Metcalf School in Holyoke.

Bids will be received by the Chief Procurement Officer, Room 15, Holyoke City Hall, Holyoke, MA 01040 **until 2:00 PM on 6/10/20** at which time bids will be publicly opened and read.

Documents are available electronically by emailing: [belangerl@holyoke.org](mailto:belangerl@holyoke.org) and or [sheridanb@holyoke.org](mailto:sheridanb@holyoke.org).

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**Docket No. HD20P0734EA**

**Estate of:**  
**Leon L Mitchell**  
**Date of Death: 08/23/2019**  
**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Format Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of**

**Personal Representative** has been filed by **Kevin Crouse** of Enfield CT requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Kevin Crouse** of Enfield CT be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Personal Surety** on the bond in **an unsupervised** administration.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance

and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/05/2020.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: May 08, 2020  
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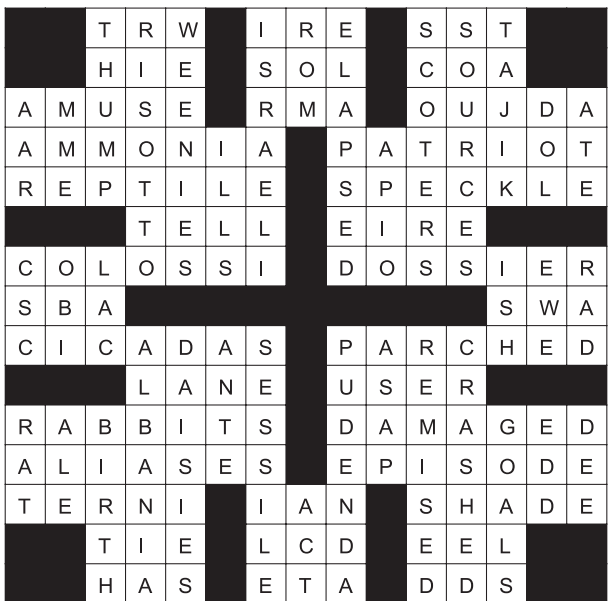
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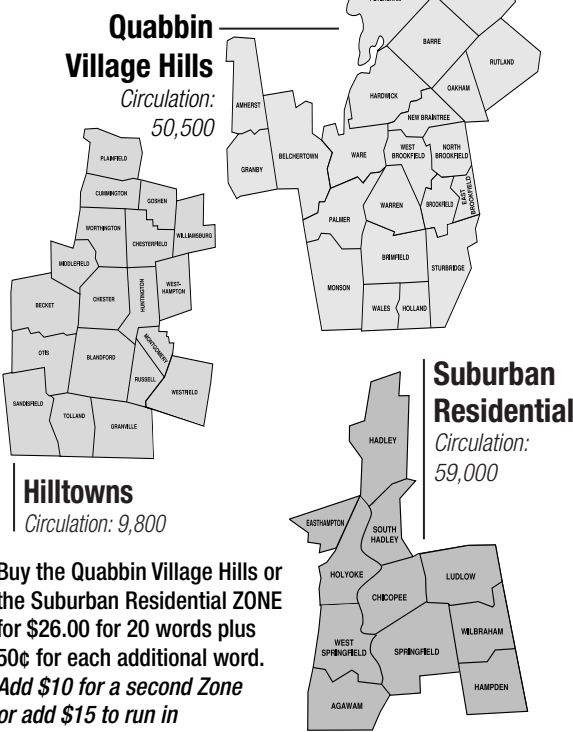
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In The News

VELIS, from page 1

time, and won a special election. After serving for six years, Humason resigned to become mayor of Westfield.

Velis, a Democrat, was a member of the U.S. Army reserves and served in the Naval Reserves for eight years. He became a lieutenant and was eventually honorably discharged.

He ran for Humason's state repre-

sentative seat and has been successful in every election he has been a part of. He ran undefeated for his state rep seat for the past two elections.

Velis joins a 40-member state senate that will add a Democrat to its very dominant ranks. There are just three Republicans in the state senate, though Humason had a good working relationship with Democrats in the state house.

Velis' move to the senate will once

again open up the state representative seat for the city of Westfield.

In Holyoke, 2,238 votes were cast. Velis received 1,568, beating out Cain by a wide margin. Cain only garnered 661 votes in the city. Holyoke's turnout with 8.25 percent.

The special election and the safety and sanitary measures taken will be a blueprint for the fall elections that will take place.



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